

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the Drawings in each of Figure 7A and Figure 8A as shown in the Annotated Sheet for FIG. 7A and in the Annotated Sheet for FIG. 8A, respectively, with the respective changes shown in red. A DRAWING CHANGES LETTER AND SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT SHEETS FOR FIGURE 7A AND FIGURE 8A, the Annotated Sheet for FIG. 7A, the Annotated Sheet for FIG. 8A, the Replacement Sheet for FIG. 7A, and the Replacement Sheet for FIG. 8A, are submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 129, 131, 132, and 138-179 are pending in this application. Applicant has cancelled Claims 130 and 133-137, without prejudice, and Applicant has added new Claims 138-179. Applicant has amended independent Claims 129, 131, and 132. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to independent Claims 129 and 132 were not made for purposes related to patentability. Applicant amended independent Claim 131 to overcome the formal matter rejections of the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to each of independent Claims 129, 131, and 132, do not contain new matter. Entry of the amendments to each of independent Claims 129, 131, and 132, is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that the newly added Claims 138-179 do not contain new matter. Applicant further submits that the subject matter of each of the newly added independent Claims 175-179 is supported by U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/154,740, filed on September 17, 1999, and, therefore, each of the newly added independent Claims 175-179, has an effective filing date of September 17, 1999.

Applicant has also deleted the Abstract of the Disclosure and has substituted therefor the new Abstract of the Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to the Abstract of the Disclosure does not contain new matter. Entry of the amendment to the Abstract of the Disclosure is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended the Drawings in Figure 7A and in Figure 8A, as shown in the ANNOTATED SHEET for FIG. 7A and in the ANNOTATED SHEET for FIG. 8A, respectively, which are submitted herewith. A DRAWING CHANGES LETTER AND SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT SHEETS FOR FIGURE 7A AND FIGURE 8A, the Annotated Sheet for FIG. 7A, the Annotated Sheet for FIG. 8A, the Replacement Sheet for FIG. 7A, and the Replacement Sheet for FIG. 8A, are submitted herewith.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the Drawings in Figure 7A and in Figure 8A do not contain new matter. Entry of the amendments to the Drawings in Figure 7A and in Figure 8A is respectfully requested.

Applicant has also amended the Specification at the paragraphs indicated above in order to correct inadvertent

mistakes in the Specification. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the Specification do not contain new matter. Entry of the amendments to the Specification is respectfully requested.

Based on the foregoing Amendments and the following Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

I. THE AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Applicant has amended the Specification as shown. Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments to the Specification do not contain new matter. Entry of the amendments to the Specification is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended the Specification at the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 21, in order to delete "immediate" before "their" and in order to insert -- immediate -- after "their, as shown, so as to correct an inadvertent mistake.

Applicant has amended the Specification at the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 20, in order to replace "and" with -- an - before "event", as shown, so as to correct an inadvertent mistake.

Applicant has amended the Specification at the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 10, in order to replace "ands/or" with -- and/or -- before "any", as shown, so as to correct an inadvertent mistake.

Applicant has amended the Specification at the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 15, in order to replace "an" with -- a -- before "renewal", as shown, and in order to insert -- of -- after "termination", as shown, so as to correct inadvertent mistakes.

Applicant has amended the Specification at the paragraph beginning on page 28, line 14, in order to insert -- fulfillment -- after "subscription", as shown, and in order to insert -- and -- after "systems", as shown, so as to correct inadvertent mistakes.

Applicant has amended the Specification at the paragraph beginning on page 57, line 14, in order to replace "he. She" with -- he, she, -- after "which", as shown, so as to correct an inadvertent mistake.

Lastly, Applicant has amended the Specification at the paragraph beginning on page 58, line 6, in order to replace "changes" with -- changed -- before "by", as shown, so as to correct an inadvertent mistake.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments to the Specification do not contain new matter.

Entry of the above amendments to the Specification is respectfully requested.

II. THE AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

As noted above, Applicant has amended the Drawings in each of Figure 7A and Figure 8A.

Applicant has amended the Drawings in Figure 7A as shown in red in the ANNOTATED SHEET for FIG. 7A which is submitted herewith. In particular, Applicant has amended Figure 7A in order to insert the letter "S" in "SUBSCRIPTION/AGENT" in block 205 so as to correct an inadvertent mistake.

Applicant has also amended the Drawings in Figure 8A as shown in red in the ANNOTATED SHEET for FIG. 8A which is submitted herewith. In particular, Applicant has amended Figure 8A in or to insert the "O" in "INFORMATION" in the block identified by the reference numeral "303" so as to correct its inadvertent omission. Applicant has also inserted the reference numeral "304" and the lead line associated therewith with regards to the block containing the phrase "SUBSCRIPTION ACCOUNT ACTIVE?" so as to correct their inadvertent omission.

A DRAWING CHANGES LETTER AND SUBMISSION OF
REPLACEMENT SHEETS FOR FIGURE 7A AND FIGURE 8A, the Annotated
Sheet for FIG. 7A, the Annotated Sheet for FIG. 8A, the
Replacement Sheet for FIG. 7A, and the Replacement Sheet for
FIG. 8A, are submitted herewith.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to
the Drawings in Figure 7A and in Figure 8A do not contain new
matter. Entry of the amendments to the Drawings in Figure 7A
and in Figure 8A is respectfully requested.

III. THE 35 U.S.C. §112 OBJECTIONS AND "FORMAL" MATTERS:

The Examiner objected to Claims 131 and 132 for formal reasons. In particular, the Examiner indicated that the phrase "pick-up" should be "picked-up". Pursuant to the Examiner's instructions, Applicant has amended each of independent Claim 131 and independent Claim 132 so as to replace the phrase "pick-up" with the phrase -- picked-up -- in the instances shown. In view of the above amendment to each of independent Claim 131 and independent Claim 132, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's objection to Claims 131 and 132 be withdrawn.

The Examiner also rejected Claims 131, 133, and 136 under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph, "as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." In particular, the Examiner indicated that ". . . the term 'normal subscription term' remains indefinite." As noted above, Applicant has cancelled Claims 130 and 133-137, including Claims 133 and 136, without prejudice. Applicant has also amended independent Claim 131 so as to remove the phrase "normal subscription term". In view of the above amendment to independent Claim 131, Applicant respectfully

submits that independent Claim 131 is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 be withdrawn.

IV. THE 35 U.S.C. §102 AND §103 REJECTIONS:

The Examiner asserts that Claim 130 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Walker, et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,415,262 (Walker) in view of the U.S. Postal Service ("USPS"). The Examiner further asserts that Claims 135-137 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Korman, U.S. Patent No. 6,318,536 (Korman). As noted above, Applicant has cancelled Claims 130 and 133-137, including Claims 130 and 135-137, without prejudice. Applicant has added new Claims 138-179, of which Claims 138-153 depend either directly or indirectly from independent Claim 129, Claims 154-163 depend either directly or indirectly from independent Claim 131, Claims 164-174 depend either directly or indirectly from independent Claim 132, and Claims 175-179 are independent Claims. Applicant further submits that the newly added Claims 138-179 do not contain new matter.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by the newly added Claims 138-179, is patentable over the prior art.

IVA. SUPPORT FOR THE NEWLY ADDED INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 175-179:

Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of each of the newly added independent Claims 175-179 is supported, including being supported in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §112, by U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/154,740, filed on September 17, 1999 and, therefore, each of the newly added independent Claims 175-179 has an effective filing date of September 17, 1999.

Examples of support for each of the newly added independent Claims 175-179, in U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/154,740, is provided below with reference to the respective portions of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/154,740 provided in parentheses.

Support for Independent Claim 175:

Claim 175. A computer-implemented method (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 26, line 19 to page 80, line 14; and FIGS. 1-8), comprising:

inputting or entering information regarding a request to receive or pick-up a printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, at a retail facility

or a store pursuant to a subscription, wherein the subscription is an existing subscription, and further wherein the information is input or entered into a point-of-sale transaction device located at the retail facility or the store (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 28, line 19 to page 30, line 3; page 63, line 1 to page 64, line 2; page 70, line 7 to page 71, line 9; page 68, line 12 to page 70, line 6; page 70, line 7 to page 71, line 6; FIG. 1, Point-Of-Sale Transaction Device 40; FIG. 5, User Input Device 40E, Scanner/Reader 40B; FIG. 8, Steps 301-303; page 53, lines 1-10; page 80, line 15 to page 81, line 2; FIG. 8, Steps 301-303; and FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20, Point-Of-Sale Transaction Device 40);

generating a request to receive or pick-up a printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, at the retail facility or the store pursuant to the subscription (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 63, line 1 to page 64, line 2; page 70, line 7 to page 71, line 9);

transmitting the request to a processing device (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 71, lines 3-6; FIG. 8, step 303; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20,

Point-Of-Sale Transaction Device 40; and FIG. 5 Transmitter 40G);

receiving the request, wherein the processing device receives the request (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 68, line 12 to page 70, line 6; page 70, line 7 to page 71, line 6; FIG. 8, Steps 301-303; page 53, lines 1-10; page 80, line 15 to page 81, line 2; FIG. 8, Steps 301-303; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20; FIG. 2, Receiver 10G; and FIG. 3, Receiver 20G);

processing the information regarding the request with the processing device (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 71, line 6 to page 74, line 2; FIG. 8, Steps 304, 307A, 307B; page 26, line 19 to page 27, line 22; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20; FIG. 2, CPU 10A; and FIG. 3, CPU 20A), wherein the processing device determines whether the subscription is active or not active (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at FIG. 8, Step 304; and page 71, line 6 to page 72, line 11) or determines whether any issue or any issues of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, remain to be fulfilled pursuant to the subscription (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 71, line 6 to page 74, line 2; FIG. 8, Step 304; page 71, line 6 to page 72, line

11; FIG. 8, Step 307A; page 72, lines 7-17; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20; FIG. 2, CPU 10A; and FIG. 3, CPU 20A);

transmitting a message in response to the request, wherein the message contains an authorization or a denial of the request, and further wherein the message is transmitted to the point-of-sale transaction device (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 71, lines 9-14; FIG. 8, Step 305; Page 72, lines 7-17; FIG. 8, Step 305; page 73, lines 6-12; FIG. 8, Step 305; Page 73, line 18 to page 74, line 2; FIG. 8, Step 308, FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20, Point-Of-Sale Transaction Device 40; and FIG. 5, Receiver 40H; page 71, lines 5-14; FIG. 8, Step 304 and Step 305; page 72, lines 7-17; FIG. 8, Step 304 and Step 305; page 73, lines 1-12; FIG. 8, Step 307A, Step 307B, and Step 305; Page 73, line 18 to page 74, line 2; FIG. 8, Step 307B and Step 308; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20, Point-Of-Sale Transaction Device 40; and FIG. 5, Receiver 40H); and

providing information contained in the response via the point-of-sale transaction device (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 73, line 18 to page 74, line 10; FIG. 8,

Step 307B and Step 308; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20, Point-Of-Sale Transaction Device 40; and FIG. 5, Receiver 40H; page 49, line 13 to page 50, line 8; page 51, lines 12-18; FIG. 5, Display Device 40F and Output Device 40J; page 65, line 17 to page 66, line 9; and FIG. 7, Step 207 and Step 208).

Support for Independent Claim 176:

Claim 176. A computer-implemented method (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 26, line 19 to page 80, line 14; and FIGS. 1-8), comprising:

receiving a first request to receive or pick-up a printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, at a retail facility or a store pursuant to a first subscription (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 68, line 12 to page 70, line 6; page 70, line 7 to page 71, line 6; FIG. 8, Steps 301-303; page 53, lines 1-10; page 80, line 15 to page 81, line 2; FIG. 8, Steps 301-303; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20; FIG. 2, Receiver 10G; and FIG. 3, Receiver 20G);

processing information regarding the first request with a processing device (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at

page 71, line 6 to page 74, line 2; FIG. 8, Steps 304, 307A, 307B; page 26, line 19 to page 27, line 22; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20; FIG. 2, CPU 10A; and FIG. 3, CPU 20A), wherein the processing device determines whether the first subscription is active or not active (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at FIG. 8, Step 304; and page 71, line 6 to page 72, line 11) or determines whether any issue or any issues of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, remain to be fulfilled pursuant to the first subscription (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 71, line 6 to page 74, line 2; FIG. 8, Step 304; page 71, line 6 to page 72, line 11; FIG. 8, Step 307A; page 72, lines 7-17; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20; FIG. 2, CPU 10A; and FIG. 3, CPU 20A);

transmitting a first message in response to the first request, wherein the first message contains an authorization or a denial of the first request, and further wherein the first message is transmitted to a first point-of-sale transaction device located at the retail facility or the store (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 71, lines 9-14; FIG. 8, Step 305; Page 72, lines 7-17; FIG. 8, Step 305; page 73, lines 6-12; FIG. 8, Step 305; Page 73, line 18 to page 74,

line 2; FIG. 8, Step 308, FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20, Point-Of-Sale Transaction Device 40; and FIG. 5, Receiver 40H);

receiving a second request to receive or pick-up a ticket or tickets to at least one of a sporting event, an entertainment event, a movie, a show, and a theater performance, at the retail facility or the store pursuant to a second subscription (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 53, line 1 to page 54, line 2; page 68, line 12 to page 70, line 6; page 70, line 7 to page 71, line 6; FIG. 8, Steps 301-303; page 53, lines 1-10; page 80, line 15 to page 81, line 2; FIG. 8, Steps 301-303; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20; FIG. 2, Receiver 10G; and FIG. 3, Receiver 20G);

processing information regarding the second request (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at FIG. 8, Step 304; page 53, line 1 to page 54, line 2; page 71, line 6 to page 72, line 11; page 71, line 6 to page 74, line 2; FIG. 8, Step 304; page 71, line 6 to page 72, line 11; FIG. 8, Step 307A; page 72, lines 7-17; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20; FIG. 2, CPU 10A; and FIG. 3, CPU 20A);

determining whether the second subscription is active or not active or determining whether any ticket or any tickets remain to be fulfilled pursuant to the second subscription (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at FIG. 8, Step 304; page 53, line 1 to page 54, line 2; page 71, line 6 to page 72, line 11; page 71, line 6 to page 74, line 2; FIG. 8, Step 304; page 71, line 6 to page 72, line 11; FIG. 8, Step 307A; page 72, lines 7-17; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20; FIG. 2, CPU 10A; and FIG. 3, CPU 20A); and

transmitting a second message in response to the second request, wherein the second message contains information regarding an authorization or a denial of the second request, and further wherein the second message is transmitted to the first point-of-sale transaction device or to a second point-of-sale transaction device located at the retail facility or the store (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 71, lines 9-14; FIG. 8, Step 305; Page 72, lines 7-17; FIG. 8, Step 305; page 73, lines 6-12; FIG. 8, Step 305; Page 73, line 18 to page 74, line 2; page 53, line 1 to page 54, line 2; page 28, line 19 to page 30, line 3; FIG. 8, Step 308, FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing

Computer 20, Point-Of-Sale Transaction Device 40; and FIG. 5, Receiver 40H).

Support for independent Claim 177:

Claim 177. A computer-implemented method (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 26, line 19 to page 80, line 14; and FIGS. 1-8), comprising:

receiving a first request to receive or pick-up a printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, at a retail facility or a store pursuant to a first subscription (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 68, line 12 to page 70, line 6; page 70, line 7 to page 71, line 6; FIG. 8, Steps 301-303; page 53, lines 1-10; page 80, line 15 to page 81, line 2; FIG. 8, Steps 301-303; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20; FIG. 2, Receiver 10G; and FIG. 3, Receiver 20G);

processing information regarding the first request with a processing device (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 71, line 6 to page 74, line 2; FIG. 8, Steps 304, 307A, 307B; page 26, line 19 to page 27, line 22; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20; FIG. 2, CPU 10A; and FIG. 3, CPU 20A), wherein the processing device determines whether

the first subscription is active or not active (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at FIG. 8, Step 304; and page 71, line 6 to page 72, line 11) or determines whether any issue or any issues of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, remain to be fulfilled pursuant to the first subscription (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 71, line 6 to page 74, line 2; FIG. 8, Step 304; page 71, line 6 to page 72, line 11; FIG. 8, Step 307A; page 72, lines 7-17; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20; FIG. 2, CPU 10A; and FIG. 3, CPU 20A);

transmitting a first message in response to the first request, wherein the first message contains an authorization or a denial of the first request, and further wherein the first message is transmitted to a first point-of-sale transaction device located at the retail facility or the store (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 71, lines 9-14; FIG. 8, Step 305; Page 72, lines 7-17; FIG. 8, Step 305; page 73, lines 6-12; FIG. 8, Step 305; Page 73, line 18 to page 74, line 2; FIG. 8, Step 308, FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20, Point-Of-Sale Transaction Device 40; and FIG. 5, Receiver 40H);

receiving a second request to receive or pick-up at least one of a good or a service at the retail facility or the store pursuant to a second subscription (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 53, line 1 to page 54, line 2; page 68, line 12 to page 70, line 6; page 70, line 7 to page 71, line 6; FIG. 8, Steps 301-303; page 53, lines 1-10; page 80, line 15 to page 81, line 2; FIG. 8, Steps 301-303; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20; FIG. 2, Receiver 10G; and FIG. 3, Receiver 20G);

processing information regarding the second request (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at FIG. 8, Step 304; page 53, line 1 to page 54, line 2; page 71, line 6 to page 72, line 11; page 71, line 6 to page 74, line 2; FIG. 8, Step 304; page 71, line 6 to page 72, line 11; FIG. 8, Step 307A; page 72, lines 7-17; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20; FIG. 2, CPU 10A; and FIG. 3, CPU 20A);

determining whether the second subscription is active or not active or determining whether any good or service or any goods or services remain to be fulfilled pursuant to the second subscription (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at FIG. 8, Step 304; page 53, line 1 to page 54, line 2; page 71, line 6 to page 72, line 11; page 71, line 6 to page 74, line 2;

FIG. 8, Step 304; page 71, line 6 to page 72, line 11; FIG. 8, Step 307A; page 72, lines 7-17; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20; FIG. 2, CPU 10A; and FIG. 3, CPU 20A); and

transmitting a second message in response to the second request, wherein the second message contains information regarding an authorization or a denial of the second request, and further wherein the second message is transmitted to the first point-of-sale transaction device or to a second point-of-sale transaction device located at the retail facility or the store (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 71, lines 9-14; FIG. 8, Step 305; Page 72, lines 7-17; FIG. 8, Step 305; page 73, lines 6-12; FIG. 8, Step 305; Page 73, line 18 to page 74, line 2; page 53, line 1 to page 54, line 2; page 28, line 19 to page 30, line 3; FIG. 8, Step 308, FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Central Subscription Fulfillment Processing Computer 20, Point-Of-Sale Transaction Device 40; and FIG. 5, Receiver 40H).

Support for independent Claim 178:

Claim 178. A computer-implemented method (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 26, line 19 to page 80, line 14; and FIGS. 1-8), comprising:

processing a request to create or initiate a subscription which allows for printed issues of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be picked-up or received at a retail facility or a store, wherein the request is transmitted from a communication device or from a transaction device associated with the retail facility or the store (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 54, line 3 to page 59, line 16; Page 53, lines 1-10; page 54, line 21 to page 57, line 21; page 57, lines 18-21; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Communication Device 30, Point-Of-Sale Transaction Device 40; FIG. 2, CPU 10A, Receiver 10G; FIG. 4, Transmitter 30F; FIG. 5, Transmitter 40G; FIG. 6, Step 101, Step 102, and step 103; and page 28, line 1 to page 30, line 3), wherein the request contains information regarding a specified number of printed issues of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be picked-up or received in or during a specified time period (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 55, lines 10-14; page 53, lines 1-10; and FIG. 6, Step 102), wherein one or more of the printed issues can be skipped or foregone in or

during the specified time period while allowing a subscriber to be able to pick-up or receive all of the specified number of the printed issues in or during the specified time period (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 67, line 10 to page 68, line 8; and page 67, line 10 to page 75, line 9), wherein the request is processed with a processing device (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at FIG. 1. Central Subscription Processing Computer 10; FIG. 2, CPU 10A; page 57, lines 18-21; and FIG. 6, Step 103);

creating or initiating a subscription in response to the request (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 57, lines 18-21; page 67, line 10 to page 75, line 9; and FIG. 6, Step 103); and

transmitting a message to the communication device or to the transaction device associated with the retail facility or the store, wherein the message contains information regarding the subscription which was created or initiated (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 58, lines 1-7; FIG. 6, Step 104; and FIG. 2, Transmitter 10F) and an authorization to allow for a first printed issue of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be picked-up or received at the retail facility or the store pursuant to the subscription which was created or initiated (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 62, lines 7-22).

Support for independent Claim 179:

Claim 179. A computer-implemented method (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 26, line 19 to page 80, line 14; and FIGS. 1-8), comprising:

processing a request to create or initiate a subscription which allows for printed issues of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be picked-up or received at a retail facility or a store, wherein the request is transmitted from a communication device or from a transaction device associated with a retail facility or a store (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 54, line 3 to page 59, line 16; page 53, lines 1-10; page 54, line 21 to page 57, line 21; page 57, lines 18-21; FIG. 1, Central Subscription Processing Computer 10, Communication Device 30, Point-Of-Sale Transaction Device 40; FIG. 2, CPU 10A, Receiver 10G; FIG. 4, Transmitter 30F; FIG. 5, Transmitter 40G; FIG. 6, Step 101, Step 102 and Step 103; and page 28, line 1 to page 30, line 3), wherein the request contains information regarding a specified number of printed issues of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be picked-up or received in or during a specified time period, and a retail facility or a store from which the printed issues can be picked-up or received (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 55, lines 10-14; page 53, lines 1-10; page

56, line 19 to page 57, line 13; and FIG. 6, Step 102), wherein the request is processed with a processing device (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at FIG. 1. Central Subscription Processing Computer 10; FIG. 2, CPU 10A; page 57, lines 18-21; and FIG. 6, Step 103);

creating or initiating a subscription in response to the request (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 57, lines 18-21; and FIG. 6, Step 103); and

transmitting a message to the communication device or to the transaction device associated with the retail facility or the store, wherein the message contains information regarding the subscription which was created or initiated (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 58, lines 1-7; FIG. 6, Step 104; and FIG. 2, Transmitter 10F) and an authorization to allow for a first printed issue of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be picked-up or received at the retail facility or the store pursuant to the subscription which was created or initiated (See, for example, S.N. 60/154,740 at page 62, lines 7-22).

IVB. THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY CLAIMS 175-179, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claims 175-179, is patentable over the prior art.

IV.B(1). THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY INDEPENDENT CLAIM 175, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 175, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 175, is patentable over Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same.

Applicant respectfully submits that Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest a computer-implemented method, comprising: inputting or entering information regarding a request to receive or pick-up a printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, at a retail facility or a store pursuant to a subscription, wherein the subscription is an existing subscription, and further wherein the information is

input or entered into a point-of-sale transaction device located at the retail facility or the store; generating a request to receive or pick-up a printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, at the retail facility or the store pursuant to the subscription; transmitting the request to a processing device; receiving the request, wherein the processing device receives the request; processing the information regarding the request with the processing device, wherein the processing device determines whether the subscription is active or not active or determines whether any issue or any issues of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, remain to be fulfilled pursuant to the subscription; transmitting a message in response to the request, wherein the message contains an authorization or a denial of the request, and further wherein the message is transmitted to the point-of-sale transaction device; and providing information contained in the response via the point-of-sale transaction device, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 175.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest many of the specifically

recited features of independent Claim 175 and, therefore, Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest all of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 175.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 175, is patentable over Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same and, therefore, is patentable over the prior art. Allowance of independent Claim 175 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

IV.B(2). THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY INDEPENDENT CLAIM 176, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 176, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 176, is patentable over Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same.

Applicant respectfully submits that Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest a computer-implemented method, comprising: receiving a

first request to receive or pick-up a printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, at a retail facility or a store pursuant to a first subscription; processing information regarding the first request with a processing device, wherein the processing device determines whether the first subscription is active or not active or determines whether any issue or any issues of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, remain to be fulfilled pursuant to the first subscription; transmitting a first message in response to the first request, wherein the first message contains an authorization or a denial of the first request, and further wherein the first message is transmitted to a first point-of-sale transaction device located at the retail facility or the store; receiving a second request to receive or pick-up a ticket or tickets to at least one of a sporting event, an entertainment event, a movie, a show, and a theater performance, at the retail facility or the store pursuant to a second subscription; processing information regarding the second request; determining whether the second subscription is active or not active or determining whether any ticket or any tickets remain to be fulfilled pursuant to the second subscription; and transmitting a second message in response to the second request, wherein the second message contains information

regarding an authorization or a denial of the second request, and further wherein the second message is transmitted to the first point-of-sale transaction device or to a second point-of-sale transaction device located at the retail facility or the store, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 176.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 176 and, therefore, Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest all of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 176.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 176, is patentable over Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same and, therefore, is patentable over the prior art. Allowance of independent Claim 176 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

IV.B(3). THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY INDEPENDENT CLAIM 177, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 177, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 177, is patentable over Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same.

Applicant respectfully submits that Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest a computer-implemented method, comprising: receiving a first request to receive or pick-up a printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, at a retail facility or a store pursuant to a first subscription; processing information regarding the first request with a processing device, wherein the processing device determines whether the first subscription is active or not active or determines whether any issue or any issues of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, remain to be fulfilled pursuant to the first subscription; transmitting a first message in response to the first request, wherein the first message contains an authorization or a denial of the first request, and further wherein the first message is transmitted to a first point-of-sale transaction device

located at the retail facility or the store; receiving a second request to receive or pick-up at least one of a good or a service at the retail facility or the store pursuant to a second subscription; processing information regarding the second request; determining whether the second subscription is active or not active or determining whether any good or service or any goods or services remain to be fulfilled pursuant to the second subscription; and transmitting a second message in response to the second request, wherein the second message contains information regarding an authorization or a denial of the second request, and further wherein the second message is transmitted to the first point-of-sale transaction device or to a second point-of-sale transaction device located at the retail facility or the store, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 177.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 177 and, therefore, Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest all of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 177.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 177, is patentable over Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same and, therefore, is patentable over the prior art. Allowance of independent Claim 177 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

IV.B(4). THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY INDEPENDENT CLAIM 178, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 178, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 178, is patentable over Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same.

Applicant respectfully submits that Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest a computer-implemented method, comprising: processing a request to create or initiate a subscription which allows for printed issues of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be picked-up or received at a retail facility or a store, wherein the request is transmitted from a communication device or from a transaction

device associated with the retail facility or the store, wherein the request contains information regarding a specified number of printed issues of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be picked-up or received in or during a specified time period, wherein one or more of the printed issues can be skipped or foregone in or during the specified time period while allowing a subscriber to be able to pick-up or receive all of the specified number of the printed issues in or during the specified time period, wherein the request is processed with a processing device; creating or initiating a subscription in response to the request; and transmitting a message to the communication device or to the transaction device associated with the retail facility or the store, wherein the message contains information regarding the subscription which was created or initiated and an authorization to allow for a first printed issue of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be picked-up or received at the retail facility or the store pursuant to the subscription which was created or initiated, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 178.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of

same, do not disclose or suggest many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 178 and, therefore, Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest all of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 178.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 178, is patentable over Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same and, therefore, is patentable over the prior art. Allowance of independent Claim 178 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

IV.B(5). THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY INDEPENDENT CLAIM 179, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 179, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 179, is patentable over Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same.

Applicant respectfully submits that Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same, do not disclose or

suggest a computer-implemented method, comprising: processing a request to create or initiate a subscription which allows for printed issues of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be picked-up or received at a retail facility or a store, wherein the request is transmitted from a communication device or from a transaction device associated with a retail facility or a store, wherein the request contains information regarding a specified number of printed issues of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be picked-up or received in or during a specified time period, and a retail facility or a store from which the printed issues can be picked-up or received, wherein the request is processed with a processing device; creating or initiating a subscription in response to the request; and transmitting a message to the communication device or to the transaction device associated with the retail facility or the store, wherein the message contains information regarding the subscription which was created or initiated and an authorization to allow for a first printed issue of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be picked-up or received at the retail facility or the store pursuant to the subscription which was created or initiated, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 179.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 179 and, therefore, Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest all of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 179.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 179, is patentable over Walker, the USPS, Korman, and any combination of same and, therefore, is patentable over the prior art. Allowance of independent Claim 179 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

V. CONCLUSION:

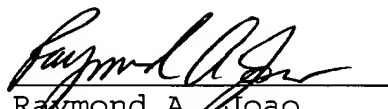
In view of the foregoing, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested. Allowance of pending Claims 129, 131, 132, and 138-179 is respectfully requested.

A Credit Card Payment Form, for payment of \$225.00, for payment for nine (9) additional claims, is submitted

herewith. A Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate), for the payment of \$225.00, is also submitted herewith.

A SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS/REPLACEMENT SHEETS FOR FIGS. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7A, 7B, 8A, AND 8B, along with Formal Drawings/Replacement Sheets for FIGS. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7A, 7B, 8A, and 8B (10 Sheets), is also submitted herewith.

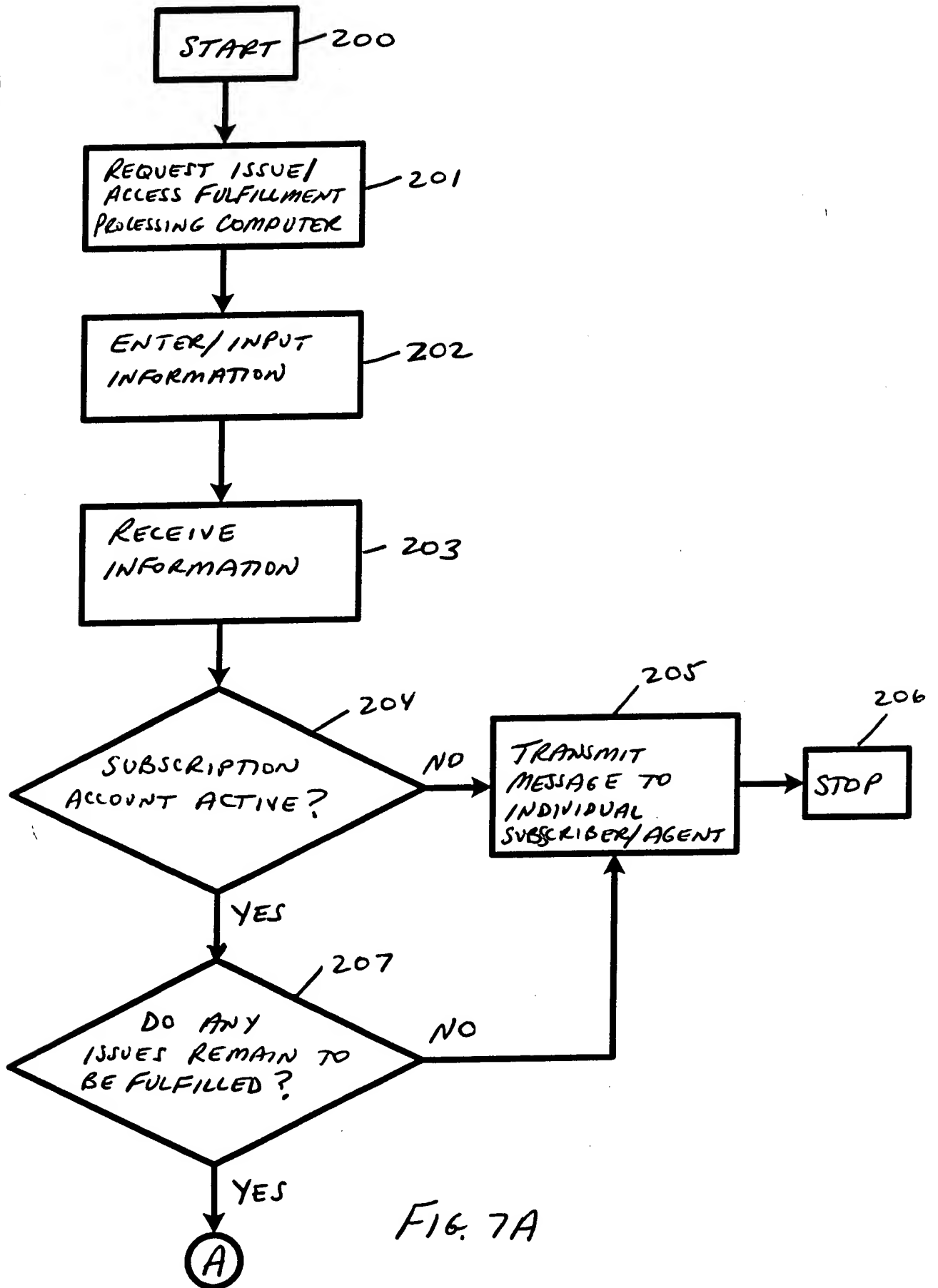
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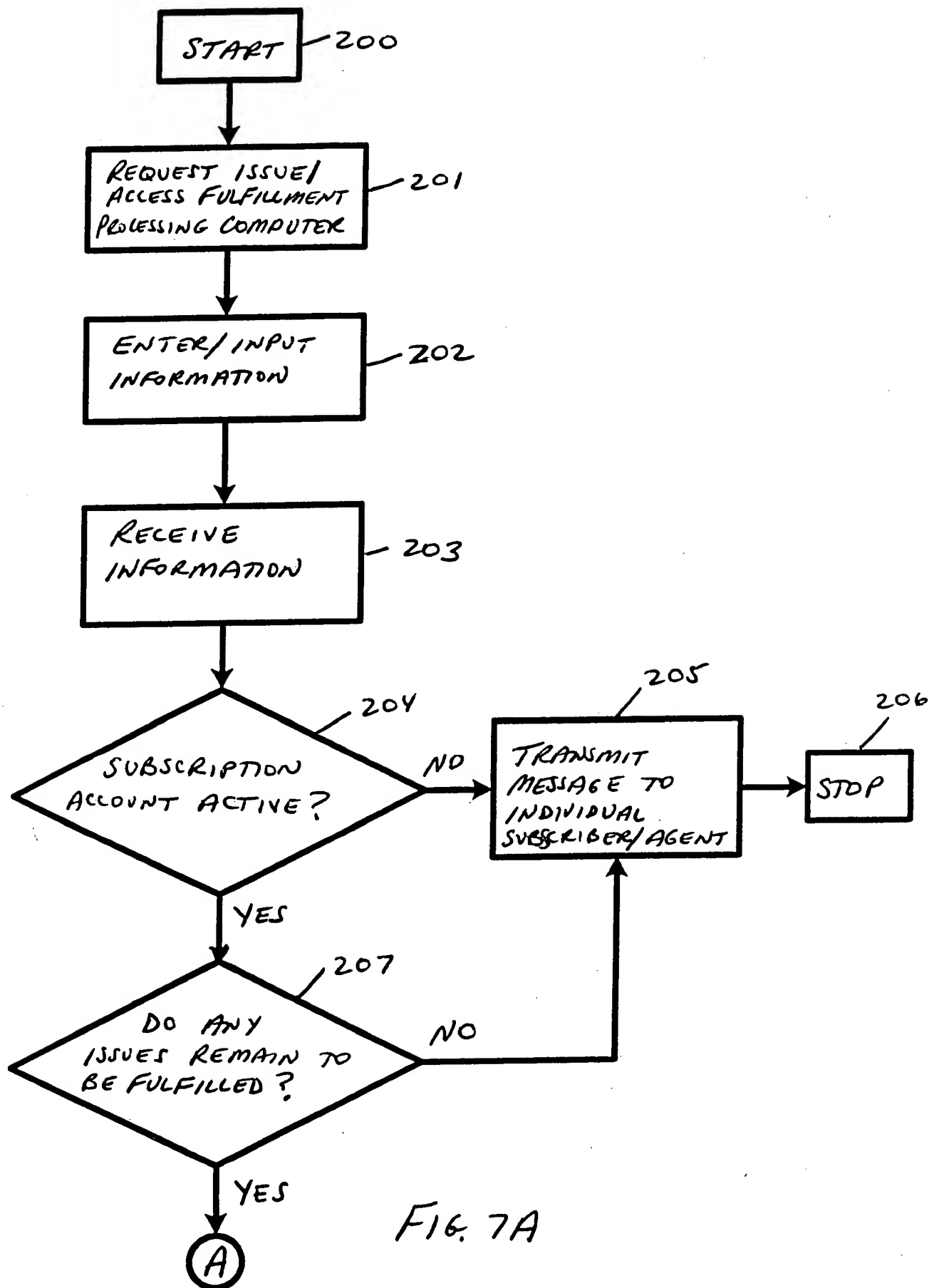

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- DRAWING CHANGES LETTER AND SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT SHEETS FOR FIGURE 7A AND FIGURE 8A
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- Replacement Sheets for FIG. 7A and FIG. 8A (2 sheets)
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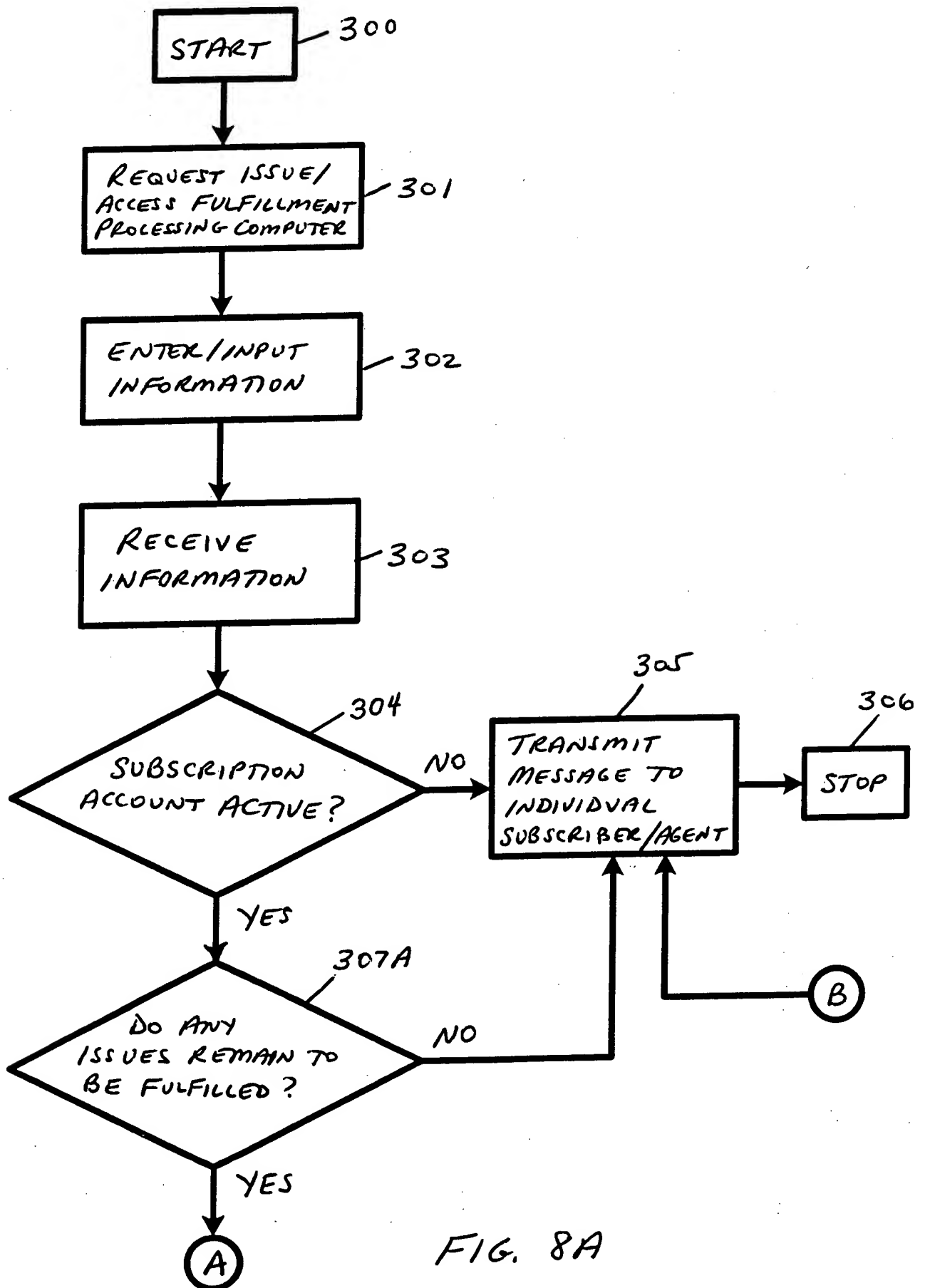


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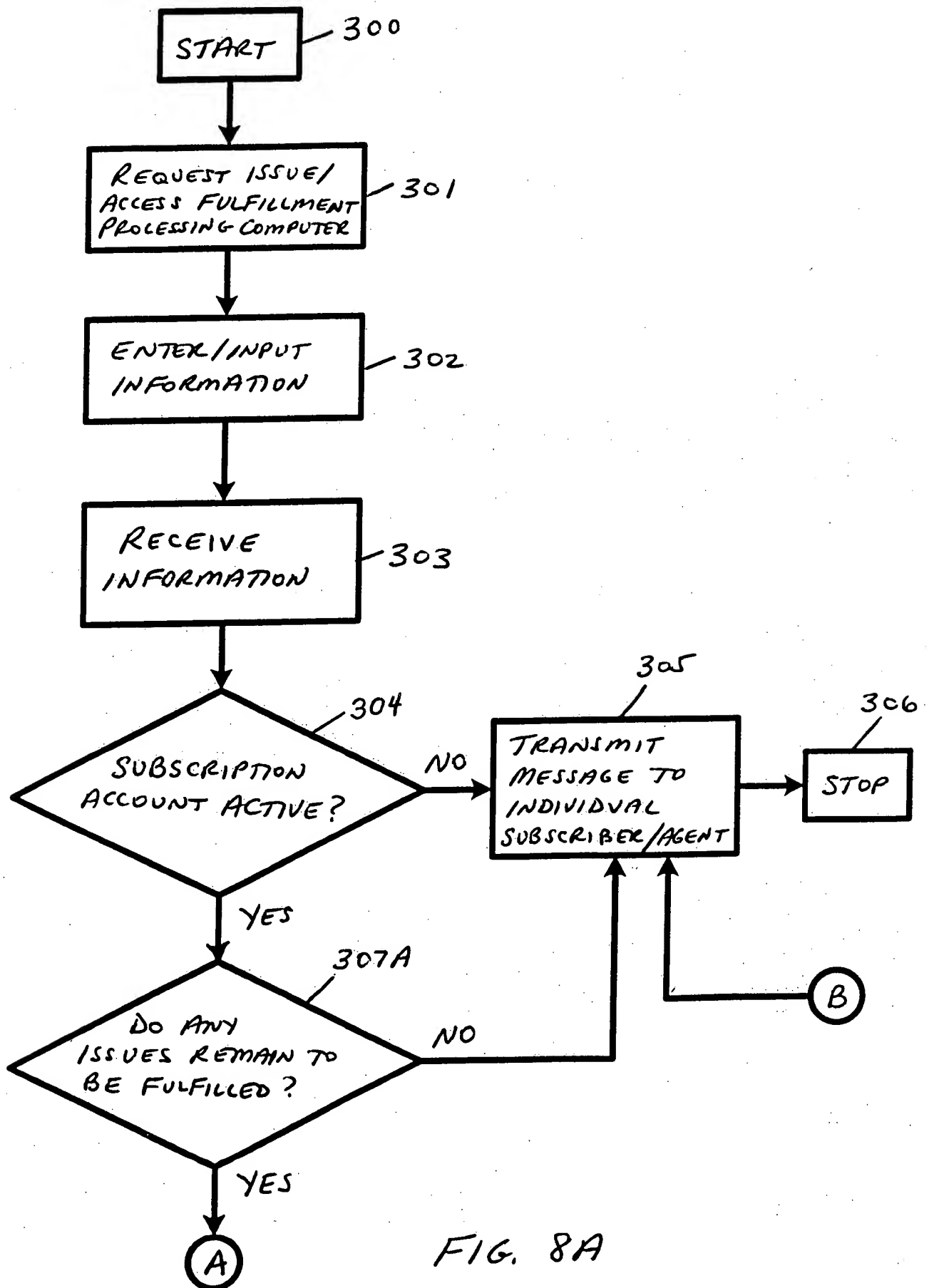


FIG. 8A